

**PROFESSOR EMERIT. DR. RER. POL.**  
**MANFRED O. E. HENNIES (10.09.1938 – 18.10.2019)**  
**IN MEMORIAM**

Manfred O.E. Hennies was born, the son of a baker and confectioner, on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1938, in Berlin, Germany. His parents owned a patisserie with a coffee shop and lived on the top floor of the same building.

In February 1958, he graduated from high school, Tannenberg Gymnasium (Grammar School) and began studying Economics at the University of Berlin where he stayed until 1964. Even before completing his Diploma, Manfred began working (1963 – 1969) as a research assistant to Professor Dr. Carl Foehl<sup>1</sup> at the Institute for the Theory of Economic Policy, also at the University of Berlin. In the year 1966 he began teaching at the same university.

In 1969 he completed his PhD, writing his dissertation on “The Realization of Economic Policy Objectives”. At this time he also published a handbook<sup>2</sup>, together with his doctoral supervisor.

From 1969 – 1977 Manfred Hennies was the Head of the Economics, Resources and Foreign Trade Department of the German Automobile Industry e.V. (VDA). At this time he also published a significant work.<sup>3</sup> Following his work in industry Manfred Hennies moved into the Economics sector and, from 1978 – 1986, he was on the management board of the Association of Statutory Health Insurance for the state of Hesse.

Besides the afore mentioned Manfred Hennies also:

- taught Economic Sciences, specializing in Macroeconomic Cybernetics, at the University of Frankfurt on Main from 1973 – 1986.
- taught “General Fundamentals of Economic Theory and Economic Policy” at the College for Administration in Wiesbaden.

On 15.02.1986 Manfred Hennies was appointed Professor of Economics at the University of Applied Sciences in Kiel where he lectured in General Economics.

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<sup>1</sup> Carl Foehl (02.08.1901 – 19.02.1973) was an important representative of German Neo-Keynesian economics and is considered to have been the founder of contemporary research into circulation theory, economic theory and redistribution theory. Furthermore, he established a theory which enables businesses to implement advance payment to consumers. He was recognized by both Joseph Schumpeter and John Maynard Keynes. He has also been referred to as the German J.M. Keynes (05.06.1883-21.04.1946), who was a renowned British Economist whose ideas and theories provided a fundamental understanding of Macroeconomics which radically changed the Economic Policy of governments.

<sup>2</sup> Foehl, Carl; Hennies, Manfred. Capital Accumulation in the Hand of the Workers, from “Politics in our Time”, Vol. 2. Pfullingen 1966

<sup>3</sup> Hennies, Manfred O.E. The Less than Magical Polygon of Economic Policy. Berlin 1971

After moving to Kiel his experience in the public sector brought him the opportunity to work as managing member of the Executive Committee of the University of Applied Science Business Society.

As well as his work at the University of Applied Science he taught:

- from 1986–1997 at the Banking Academy in Frankfurt on Main and the Schleswig-Holstein Business Academy, mainly in the area of General Economics with an emphasis on Banking.
- from 1989–1991, Economic Science for Law students at the Faculty of Law at the Christian-Albrecht-University in Kiel.
- from 1997–2005, General Economics, with a focus on Banking, at the Vocational Academy in Rendsburg
- at the Banking Academy in Lübeck

As well as teaching in Germany, Manfred Hennies also gave guest lectures in other countries:

- in Hungary, in Budapest (1990)
- from 1991 he regularly appeared as a guest lecturer in Estonia, in Tallinn, as well as Tartu and Pärnu.

Originally his lectures covered the topic of “General Questions regarding the transformation of Economic Systems” and later “General Economic Policy, in particular Monetary Policy and Foreign Trade”. During this time Professor Manfred Hennies also a three volume study series.<sup>4</sup>

Between 1993 and 2000 Dr. Hennies gave block seminars on the topic of “General Economic Policy, in particular Monetary Policy and Foreign Trade”:

- as a guest lecturer in Russia at the State Financial academy in Moscow
- at the State University F. Scorina in Gomel, Belarus and
- at the State Business Academy in Rostow on the Don, Russia.

Thereafter, between 2000–2006, Professor Hennies gave two-week seminars in General Economics and Business for undergraduate students, as well as the theory of money and foreign trade for post-graduate students at the Institute of Business Economics in Vaasa, Finland.

Although Professor Hennies retired from the University of Applied Sciences in Kiel in 2004, he carried on working as an examiner until the end of 2010. In the following years he remained active in research and teaching.

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<sup>4</sup> Hennies, Manfred O.E. General Economics for Business Economists, Vol.1: Fundamentals, Economic Systems, Economic Circulations, Agriculture. Berlin 1987, 2003, Vol. 2: Market Forms and Production Planning. Berlin 1987, 1998, Vol. 3: Money, Economic Situation, Foreign Trade, Economic Growth and Distribution. Berlin 1989, 2003;

In 2017 in Hamburg, Germany, together with the signatory, he compiled a comprehensive collection of scientific short articles<sup>5</sup>. Furthermore, 2017 also saw the publication of Professor Hennies' book.<sup>6</sup>

*Professor Hennies made an outstanding contribution, both as a participant and organizer, to the annual international conferences on economic policy which took place in Värskas in Estonia, and as a member of the editorial board of the scientific journal (2007 – 2015), as well as being a significant editor (from 2016). He frequently wrote comprehensive and informative introductory remarks for our journal and we are grateful that he propagated the conferences and the journal in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Manfred Hennies was, in part, responsible for the name of our scientific journal. The close collaboration between the journal and the Berlin Scientific publishing company was a result of his previous contact with this publisher.*

*We are also grateful for his contribution as guest professor at the Business Faculty of the Technical University of Tallinn (TUT), at the Business Faculty of the University of Tartu (UT), at the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu, in the office of Mainor, as well as appearing as a guest on Estonian Radio and other parts of Estonia. The completion of the sculpture, "Sundial" in front of the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu, in 2004, was a result of Professor Hennies' support.*

*Manfred, who visited Estonia more than 30 times (often with his wife, Monika and, in 1992, with his daughter Bettina) was extremely knowledgeable in Estonian geography, culture and history. He had many friends and colleagues in Estonia and he and his wife were always very welcome guests at the home of the signatory and his family in Pirita-Kose in Tallinn and at their forest farm in Lääne-Virumaa, as well as in the apartment in Pärnu.*

*On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the signatory, in August 1999, Monika and Manfred visited Estonia once more and planted a young spruce tree in the recently founded Family Park<sup>7</sup>. The tree has, in the meantime, grown to be 12-13 metres tall. A beautiful tree, in memory of Manfred! In the Spring of 2020, a young oak will be added, in memory and in honour of Manfred!*

In the 2010, during our conference in Värskas, the then director of the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu, Henn Vallimäe (2009–2018), presented Professor emeritus Manfred Hennies with the Golden Award of the college for his significant contribution to the collaboration. At the same time he received, from the principal of the University

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<sup>5</sup> Hennies, Manfred O.E.; Raudjärv, Matti. International Discussions on Economic Policy in the context of the series of conferences in Estonia. Norderstedt 2017, 133 P.

<sup>6</sup> Hennies, Manfred O.E. Economic Policy in Circulatory Events. Norderstedt 2017, 257 P.

<sup>7</sup> The so-called "Family Park" was founded by friends of the author, on the day of the anniversary celebrations. Monika and Manfred enjoyed the opportunity of visiting Estonia and spending several weeks in Tallinn and the surrounding area.

of Tartu, Alar Karis, the signed Honour of the University; Manfred was very grateful for this recognition.

When the President of the Republic of Estonia toured Germany in 2015 and visited Kiel, Professor Manfred O.E. Hennies was invited, by the State of Germany, to the official reception and had the opportunity to speak to our President and to mention the collaboration between the Estonian and German universities. This meeting and conversation was a great pleasure for both.

*In September 2018 Manfred modestly celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday<sup>8</sup>. No longer strong, his health was becoming an increasing problem. However, the signatory had the opportunity to visit him and his wife, Monika in Warder and to congratulate him. We enjoyed a boat trip to Heligoland, as well as visiting many towns, including Eckernförde, Frankfurt on Main, Limburg, Rendsburg and Kiel.*

*In June 2019, the signatory, together with his mother Salme, visited Monika and Manfred once again and we toured many towns in Schleswig-Holstein (Eckernförde, Friedrichstadt, Kiel, Rendsburg and Nortorf), as well as beautiful natural areas such as Schönberger Strand. Unfortunately, it was plain to see how Manfred's health deteriorated within that year as he hoped for further operations.*

*This wonderful time we enjoyed together in June (4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>) 2019 was to be our last face to face encounter – our reunion at Hamburg airport, enjoying conversation together, mealtimes in the winter garden, memories, trips to the local area, spending quality time together in Monika and Manfred's beautifully kept garden, plans for the future... He and Monika accompanied my mother and me to Hamburg airport and we sadly said our farewells. The parting was, however, optimistic as we were to meet again soon: at a conference in Estonia? A research visit to Germany, on holiday!?... Manfred would only live for one week and four months after this farewell...*

*We spoke on the telephone regularly, but Manfred always seemed sad. Nevertheless, he still showed great interest in the preparations for the next conference and the compilation of the journal. He congratulated the signatory on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (5<sup>th</sup> August 2019), but was no longer able to visit the grave of my father, Arved in Ambla.*

*The fact that the internationally respected Elsevier-Scopus accepted and recognized our journal and included our articles in its databank (also reaching ETIS level 1.1<sup>9</sup>) is a result of Manfred's excellent work. He was most surely delighted to receive an E-Mail from Scopus informing him of this. (24.09.2019)*

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<sup>8</sup> On this occasion an article written in English, German and Estonian was published in the issue 1-2/2018 of the journal "Estonian Discussions on Economic Policy".

<sup>9</sup> ETIS – Estonian Scientific Information System: Level 1.1 of this publication is the highest level achievable. Relatively few publications in Estonia have achieved this in the areas of Social Science and Economics.

Fate was however, relentless and on the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Professor emeritus Dr. Manfred O.E. Hennies passed away at his home in Dorfstrasse 29, Warder. (Warder is approximately 30 Km South-West of Kiel)

We bid farewell to the highly respected Professor emeritus Dr. Manfred Oskar Eitel Hennies on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at 2.00 pm (German time)<sup>10</sup> in the state of Schleswig-Holstein in Germany. The memorial service was held in the chapel in Nortorf where Manfred's urn was placed, together with a portrait, amongst ribbons, flowers and wreaths with farewell messages accompanied by quietly played music. The eulogy was comprehensive, rich in substance and warmly given. During a short break, at Manfred's request, the congregation listened to a song from Udo Lindenberg – "Hinter dem Horizont geht's weiter..." (Beyond the horizon life goes on...) At the end of the service, once again at Manfred's request, the guests left the chapel to the music of Andrea Bocelli - "Time to say goodbye".

As well as his close family, friends and neighbours were present to bid their farewells to Manfred. The Professor emeritus Dr. Armin Rohde, from the university of Greifswald, who had worked closely with Manfred and attended the Economic Science Conferences in Estonia, twenty times, also came to pay his respects.

Following the memorial service the guests were invited to a wake in Manfred's home village of Warder, at the Restaurant "Zum Assmus" on Lake Warder. Close friends and family then spent the evening together at his home.

The writer of this text also had the honour of being present at the memorial service<sup>11</sup> and bidding farewell to an unforgettable friend and colleague and expressing his deep sorrow and respect, as well as offering some consolation to Manfred's closest relatives.

In summary, the memorial service and the hours following, were a worthy, heartwarming and respectful acknowledgement of the life and work of Manfred Hennies, reminding us that life, without him, must go on, but that he will remain in our hearts forever.

Manfred leaves, in great sadness, his wife Monika with her daughter Jasmin, his daughter Bettina with Michael and two grandchildren, his daughter Sandra and relatives, many friends, colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances, as well as many friends and colleagues in Estonia.

October – November 2019  
Tallinn, Pirita-Kose

Rest in peace my dear friend and colleague!

Yours,

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<sup>10</sup> At 3.00 pm Estonian time many friends of Manfred's lit candles in his memory. That was the modest wish of the author of this text.

<sup>11</sup> On returning home to Pirita-Kose, from Warder, via Nortorf, Hamburg, Helsinki and Tallinn, the author found a letter from his dear friend, "brother" and colleague Manfred:

**"Farewell my dear friend" – *Manfred***

Matti Raudjärv and Mother Salme (*Mutti*)  
Mari-Liis and Julius Marcus

In sad memory of our friend and colleague and collaboration partner, in Estonia and elsewhere (Georgia, Hungary, Russia and Germany), Professor emeritus Dr. Manfred O.E. Hennies:

- Editor of the Journal Üllas Ehrlich (TUT)
- Editor of the Journal Sulev Mäeltsemees (TUT)
- Editor and Consultant of the Journal Ruth Tammeorg (Union UT)
- Secretary of the working team (Journal and Conference) Kaarin Birk (TUT Library)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at 20 conferences (Värska, Jäneda), since 1999, long term collaboration partner, Professor emeritus Dr. Armin Rohde<sup>12</sup> (University of Greifswald, Germany)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at more than 10 conferences (Värska, Jäneda), long term collaboration partner, Professor emeritus Dr. Peter Friedrich (Bundeswehr (military) University, Munich, Germany)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at conferences (Värska), long term collaboration partner, Professor emeritus Dr. Mart Sörg (UT)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at our conferences (Värska), Professor emeritus Dr. Enno Langfeldt (University of Applied Sciences, Kiel, Germany)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at our conferences (Jäneda), Dr. Klaus Schrader (World Economic Institute, Kiel, Germany)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, author and co-author of many articles and participant at our conferences (Jäneda), Professor Dr. Irina Gogorishvili (State University of Tiflis, Georgia)
- member of the magazine's editorial staff, long term collaboration partner, Professor Dr. Stefan Okruch (German-speaking Gyula Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary)
- supporter of conferences and the magazine, participant at conferences (Jäneda) and author of many articles, Professor Dr. Wolfgang Eibner (Ernst-Abbe University Jena, Germany)
- supporter of the conferences and the academic journal, participant at many conferences (Jäneda) and the author of many articles, Dr. Claus-Friedrich Laaser (World Economic Institute, Kiel, Germany)

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<sup>12</sup> Professor Armin Rohde was a constant support to the signatory during research visits to the University of Greifswald. He donated a great deal of scientific literature to the University of Tartu. Manfred Hennies also gave scientific literature to the University of Tartu. Many thanks for these generous donations!

- authors and reviewers of the journal;
- translator and interpreter of German at the conference in Jäneda – Toomis Metsis (freelance; Tallinn – Merivälja)
- organisational team for the 27<sup>th</sup> Economic Policy Scientific Conference (held 20 times in Värskas and seven times in Jäneda) 2019;
- colleagues from the Business Faculty of the Technical University of Tallinn;
- colleagues from the Business Faculty of the University of Tartu;
- the former Director of Pärnu College (2009 – 2018) Henn Vallimäe (Tallinn, Island of Muhu), who was, together with the principal of the University of Tartu (2012 – 2017) Volli Kalm (deceased), a great supporter of our journal and conferences;
- colleagues from the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu who worked with us on the journal and conferences
- collective body of the sanatorium Värskas (the manager Vello Saar, chief accountant Viktoria Laanelind, the “good fairy” of the Hotel Kaja Linnus etc.)
- friends and acquaintances:
  - Terje Kaaret (Pärnu; former society “Teadus/Business”);
  - Hillar Kala (Tõrva; formerly office “Mainor”);
  - Kaie Kerem (Tallinn – Mustamäe; formerly Business Faculty of TTÜ);
  - Tiina Kremann (Tartu – Annelinn; formerly city administration Tartu);
  - Ants Laos (Lääne – Virumaa, community of Kaljala, Vosu; formerly head of production and several times Minister, member of EOK)
  - Enn and Margrit Leppik (Tartumaa, community of Kambja, Ülenurme estate; classmate and friend of M.R. from Grade 6 onwards, at High School von Rakvere; formerly UT);
  - Eino and Virve Loo (Tallinn, Pirita-Kose, neighbours of M.R. since 1966)
  - Liivi Lukas and Tiit Tammar (Rakvere; both at the music school Rakvere; Tiit – neighbour of M.R. from Rakvere/1955 – 1965..., still a friend today/);
  - Andres Mandre (Lääne-Virumaa, community of Tapa, village of Karkuse, Raja Farm; neighbour of M.R. at the farm);
  - Juta Noorkoiv (Hiiumaa, Kärkla–Putkaste; formerly Grammar school of Kärkla);
  - Jaanus and Natalja Palm (Järvamaa, community of Järva, village of Reinevere, Vana-Undiaugu Farm; neighbour of M.R. from the neighbouring village of Järvamaa);
  - Siiri Reiljan (Valga; widow of the deceased colleague, friend and our former editor Professor emeritus Janno Reiljan (1951 – 2018)
  - Helgi-Annika Reisenbuk (Harjumaa, community of Lääne-Harju, village of Keelva, Mardi Farm; formerly Business Faculty of TUT);
  - Jaak Tamberg (Harjumaa, community of Saue, Laits; formerly Business Faculty University TUT);
  - Tiia Tiido/Teras/ (Tallinn, Pirita-Kose, neighbour of M.R. since 1966; formerly Eesti Kontsert/Estonia Concert);

- Tiit and Epp Oim (Lääne-Virumaa, community of Haljala, near the Haljala estate, friend of M.R. from university days; formerly Business Faculty at the Business Academy of the Estonian SSR, Committee for Planned Economy of the Estonian SSR, Liviko AS)
- participants of the conference (including members and secretaries of the former working teams, for example the long-serving Ülle Maidla/Business Faculty of UT/who worked with Manfred for many years) who heard, with great interest, Manfred's informative lectures, took part in discussions, sometimes heated, and all those who had dealings with him.

M.R.: as signatory, I am certain I speak for us all when I say that meetings with Manfred O.E. Hennies will remain in memory as very pleasant and friendly.

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*P.S. November 2019 is the anniversary of the first meeting of the signatory with Manfred. The Berlin Wall had just come down and we spent several hours in pleasant discussion in Kiel.<sup>13</sup>*

*The result of that meeting was a great and lasting friendship.*

*Manfred was a very warm, well-meaning and supportive friend. He was a real gentleman, clever and generous. Manfred was a family member to us, almost a brother to me! He often called me "brother" and my parents "Mutti" and "Papa"! (Manfred's own parents and his brother had passed away many years before)*

*The signatory is grateful, from the bottom of his heart, for this intense and benevolent friendship – it is something well worth remembering! The recent article written, in collaboration, for the last issue of the journal will remain the last scientific contribution from our friend Manfred! He participated in most of the conferences held in Värskä, but unfortunately was not able to attend the conference in Jämeda, although he had hoped to attend the conference in 2020...!*

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<sup>13</sup> As a result of this one conversation many more followed and in Autumn 1990, a delegation (14 professors and students, Manfred Hennies among them), led by the deacon Dieter W. P. Kaerger, the Tallinn city administration (led by Jürgen Spiekhoff, professor at the Kiel University of Applied Sciences and also a member of the city administration, Kiel, who had excellent connections to many Estonian authors, as well as to Lennart Meri, who was later to become president of the Republic of Estonia) and members of the Economics Faculty of the University of Applied Sciences, Kiel, visited Estonia. During this visit a contract of collaboration was signed between the Economics Departments at the universities of Kiel and the TUT. Professor Manfred O. E. Hennies was named representative and coordinator of this project for Kiel and the author of this paper the representative for the Technical University in Tallinn. The collaboration on the basis of this contract was to continue until the signatory took up his work at the Economics Faculty of the University of Tartu, after which it was continued, albeit on a smaller scale (mainly due to the motivation of Manfred and several of his close colleagues). The Estonian side was represented by Matti Raudjärv and from time to time supported by colleagues from the Economics Faculty of the University of Tallinn, from the Faculty for Economics, University of Tartu and from Pärnu College, University of Tartu.



*We were looking forward to relaxing in my smoke sauna, sitting in front of the fire and enjoying a bite to eat in conversation together...! The sauna, also the finnish sauna, was one of his favourite places when he came to Estonia. He also enjoyed visiting Lahemaa (also Altja, the highlands of Viru, Vosu, Käsnu, Palmse, Sagadi, Vihula, Karepa etc.), the west Estonian islands, south-east Estonia (including Võru, Värskä, the Farmer's Museum Seto, the sandstone caves at Piusa, Taevaskoda etc.), Haapsalu, Narva, Pärnu, Tartu, Viljandi, the signatory's forest farm in Lääne-Virumaa, Rakvere, Tallinn (especially the old city with its beautiful architecture, alleys, coffee shops and antique shops), Piriita-Kose, Kloostrimetsa, Metsakalmistu/forest cemetery, Lake Peipus,/Pepsi, the waterfalls at Jägala and many other beautiful areas in Estonia!*

*Before his retirement from the University of Applied Science in Kiel, one of Manfred's hobbies was flying. (In order to retain his license a certain number of flying hours each year had to be recorded!) An unforgettable experience for the signatory and his daughter, Mari-Liis, was a flight, in his four-seater machine, over the clear skies of Schleswig-Holstein during Kiel Week (late June) in the summer of 1991.*

*I am very happy to have enjoyed this long lasting, eventful and fulfilling friendship and productive collaboration. I am grateful to Manfred (and those close to him) for the hospitality and helpfulness! I am grateful for everything!*

*M.R.*